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A GAIA AFFAIR OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT THURSDAY, APRIL FIRST. IT WILL BE A COMBINATION LUNCHEON WITH THE RADIO EXECUTIVES CLUB OF NEW YORK OF WHICH WILLIAM HEDGES OF NBC IS PRESIDENT. THEREFORE, THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEON OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st.

TARIFF FOR THE LUNCHEON IN THE HENRY HUDSON ROOM OF THE HOTEL ROOSEVELT WILL BE \$3.00 for MEMBERS AND \$3.75 FOR THEIR GUESTS. COCKTAILS WILL BE SERVED FROM NOON TO 12:30 P. M. AND LUNCHEON WILL START PROMPTLY AT 12:30 P. M.

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A DISTINGUISHED HEAD TABLE OF PRESS AND RADIO MEMBERS OF BOTH THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB AND THE RADIO EXECUTIVES CLUB HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED.

SPEAKER

GEORGE V. ALLEN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND HEAD OF THE "VOICE OF AMERICA"

MR. ALLEN IS THE FORMER UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO IRAN AND WILL COME UP FROM WASHINGTON TO MAKE HIS FIRST OFFICIAL SPEECH TO THE TWO CLUBS.

ANNE O'HARE MC CORMICK
OF THE NEW YORK TIMES

MRS. MC CORMICK WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM EUROPE AND WHO WON THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB AWARD FOR 1947 FOR THE "BEST INTERPRETATION OF FOREIGN NEWS IN THE PRESS" WILL ACCEPT HER AWARD IN PERSON AS SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO BE AT THE ANNUAL OPC DINNER LAST WEEK.

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HOSTESSES FOR THE CLUB FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28TH WILL BE ADELAIDE KERR OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND KATHERINE LEEDS.

The first meeting of the Nominating Committee, appointed by President Robert Considine, will be held at the home of Henry Noble Hall on Thursday, March 25th at 5:30 P. M. Members of the Committee are:

John Barkham, Chairman
Henry Noble Hall

Clyde Brown
Thomas B. Morgan
Craig Thompson

Adelaide Kerr
Lucian Kirtland

Suggestions for officers and governors from members should be phoned or mailed to the members of the Nominating Committee.

The March meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on Tuesday, March 30th. Members of the Board will be the guests of President Considine for cocktails and dinner in the Blessed Event Room of the Stork Club at 7 P. M. The business meeting will follow dinner.

Copies of the club "Who's Who in Foreign Correspondence" have been mailed to all of the members of the club. The tariff for the book is one buck to members and two dollars for outsiders. If you wish additional copies, please phone the office. Members will be billed for this book --- along with the annual dues. Ralph J. Frantz, Treasurer, says that bills will be mailed this week as the fiscal year of the Overseas Press Club runs from April first to April first.

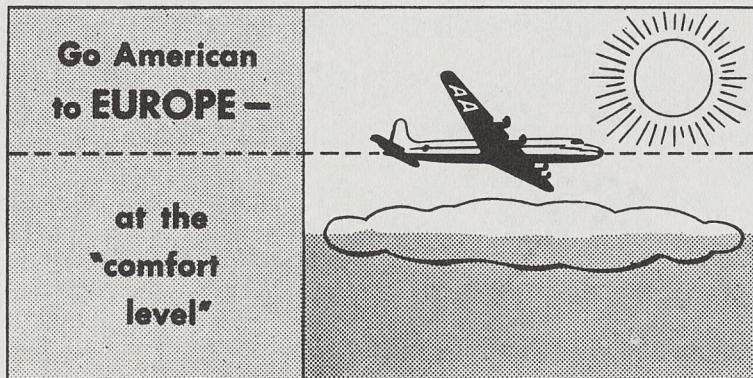
Although complete reports of the Annual Dinner appeared in all the press and radio, here is a brief resume. The annual Overseas Press Club awards were announced by Robert Considine. General Julius Adler of the New York Times accepted the award for the "best interpretation in the press of foreign news" for Anne O'Hare McCormick, who was at that moment on board ship en route for the U.S.A. Adler, in his acceptance speech, remarked that "on the dais, the N.Y. Herald Tribune was seated on the left of the Times."

Whitelaw Reid, editor of the N. Y. Herald Tribune, accepted the award for the "best reporting in the press of foreign affairs" which was won by A.T. Steele, now in South Africa. Reid said that Steele had worked for many other news organizations before he came with the Herald Tribune.

William Brooks, vice president in charge of news for the National Broadcasting Company, accepted the award for the "best reporting of foreign news by radio" for Merrill "Red" Mueller. Mueller was brought in by special hookup from London to accept his award. His acceptance speech and the speech of King Michael were broadcast at 11:15 P.M. over NBC on the night of the dinner.

Edward Murrow of CBS was the only winner present to accept his award for the "best interpretation of foreign news by radio". Murrow said that he had been awarded a typewriter in 1941 by the Overseas Press Club, but that it did not work because it could not spell.....

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The awards consisted of engraved Hamilton gold watches and a hand drawn sheepskin with the proper inscriptions..... All of the winners were members of the club except Anne O'Hare McCormick.

Twenty seven people sat on the dais of the grand ballroom of the Waldorf which was filled. Bob Considine presided. The first speaker was Bernard N. Baruch who made some very pertinent remarks, among which were "The peace has not yet been declared and there is not peace... yet." and "The American people are subject to many trends and many pressures but their ultimate judgment has proven to be right..... in this election year when emotions will run riot, we should choose wisely and well..... the man sitting on the cracker barrel in the corner stores over the country will see to that."

The Waldorf outdid itself in food and served an excellent dinner with tender roast beef as the "piece de resistance"..... the program was short--- to the point--- and important. The gathering this year was one of the most distinguished in the history of the club.

John Jay McCloy, President of the World Bank, said in reference to the Marshall Plan, that it is certain that dollars cannot save the world. McCloy said that the time had come for the United States to be clear and prompt rather than over-precise in its decisions regarding international affairs.

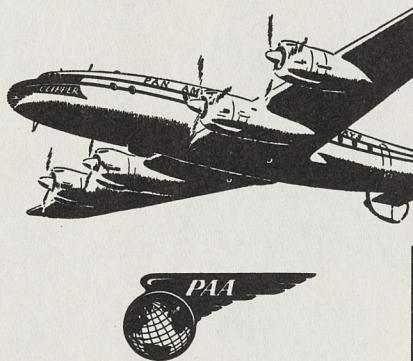
General Omar N. Bradley, Chief of Staff, was ill after his strenuous conferences in Key West. General Charles T. Lanham, Chief of Information and Education, flew to New York to take his place on the rostrum. General Lanham spoke of the American GI's on the fronts of Germany, Trieste and Korea today and said that they had been and would remain the true soldiers of the United States. General Lanham felt that we had forgotten these men who are patrolling the fronts for us yet and often shot in the back for it.

Queen Helen of Rumania, one of the regal daughters of Greece, was present with her son, King Michael, and his retinue. The King made his only public appearance in New York to reiterate and elaborate on his abdication statement in London. Michael said that the powerful neighbor of Rumania had destroyed the last vestiges of liberty in his country and had jailed all of the most popular and worthy representatives of democracy. The King was besieged by photographers at the reception preceding the dinner they went so trigger happy that the reception line was helpless in the face of the onslaught.

Well, stories galore of the reception, the dinner, the various "suite" receptions afterwards prove to be excellent conversation subjects around the club.... Jim Farley who was slated to be chief at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner the next day at which the President spoke is reported to have enjoyed the press club party to the full.... it was a brilliant, highlight affair and those who attended point to the seventh annual dinner of OPC in its ninth year of existence as an extremely subtle presentation of the world today.

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In the recent election of the Association of Radio News Analysts OPC members elected to office were Gregor Ziemer, Secretary; Cecil Brown, treasurer; Larry LaSueuer, assistant secretary. Voted to the executive committee were H. V. Kaltenborn, John Daly and Edward R. Murrow.

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TALK AROUND THE CLUB TURNS TO TWO SUBJECTS..... MUCH IN THE MINDS OF MEMBERS..... THE COMING MONTHS WILL BRING DEPRESSION OR WAR..... AND TALK OF WAR HAS BEEN ALMOST DECISIVE..... RUMORS OF A SPECIAL CORPS OF VETERANS OF THE O.S.S. AND MEMBERS GETTING ORDERS TO REPORT TO STATIONS FLOAT AROUND THE CLUBROOMS OVERLOOKING TIMES SQUARE.

John W. Powell, editor of the China Weekly Review, writes that sea mail to China now takes about a month or more whereas airmail arrives in about a week.

Al Laney, sports editor of the N. Y. Herald Tribune, is covering the spring training of the New York Giants in Arizona.

Major George Fielding Eliot will broadcast for CBS during his trip to the Middle East. He left for London last week and will proceed to the Middle East through Europe. Eliot will return to the States around the end of June.

Alice Hughes reported recently in her King Features column that statistics on women's bathing suits indicate that they are only worn about five times a season so..... why worry about getting wet, girls?

Eliot Elisofon of Life magazine is having an exhibition of "The Art of Egypt" at the Metropolitan Museum on Saturday, March 20th from 3 to 5 P.M. The show will run until May second.

Hazel Hartzog (Tow) formerly with the United Press in the Pacific is moving from Iowa to El Centro, California. She met John Strohm of "The Country Gentleman" (another member) recently at Ames, Iowa at ISC where John's talk was used as a laboratory assignment for reporting students in a journalism class.

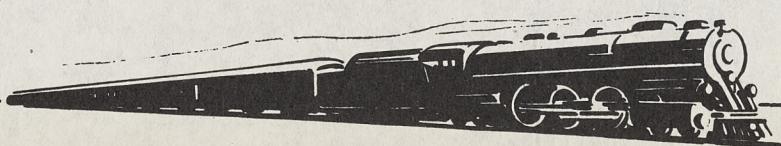
Ellen Albin is in London reporting. Her article "Young Women of Poland" appeared in the March issue of "Mademoiselle" magazine. She will be married soon to a Britisher and go to live in Kenya. (of all places)

Leland Case, editor of the Rotarian magazine, will attend the International Assembly of Rotary in Quebec next week and will then go to Rio De Janeiro to attend the International Convention of Rotary there.

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The newsreel coverage at the Annual Dinner was complete and well handled by Jack Glenn of March of Time. Two press tables were filled. Members from all over the country have been sending in pictures and stories of the Dinner. Reports of the affair were broadcast on the radio the night of the dinner and also the next day.

John Gunther will be one of three judges for the annual exhibition of newspaper typography sponsored by N. Y. Ayer and Co. Judging takes place on March 26th.

George Mance, replying to the item in the OPC Bulletin some weeks ago about the fact that German newspapermen were starving, writes from Munich that reporters in Hesse are not fainting from lack of food as far as he has been able to ascertain. Mance says that Oscar Resche of the Dena News Service in Munich made an appeal for food packages and that as a result of its being printed in the Boston Globe, packages are being received. Local American reporters in Germany are sending food gifts to German reporters, according to Mance.

Sonia Tomara who is in Berlin now, writes that she has just finished a tour of the American and British zones of Germany and has settled down in the press section of Zehlendorf where she has a bungalow, garden and swimming pool (plus chauffeur at \$20. per month.) The other day, Sonia (Mrs. William Clark) had a woman come and offer her one hour's massage for two five cent bars of chocolate.

In reference to the OPC Bulletin item about press people in Germany, Sonia writes that if the OPC would like to organize a collection of old clothes, particularly children's and men's shoes, she would get in touch with some of the press people who need them so badly. Intellectuals and press people were particularly active in the underground during the war, according to Tomara.

Eugene English of Press Wireless was greeted recently in Frankfurt by some of the OPC crowd there.

Geraldine Fitch writes from Korea that the newsmen there have organized a Korean-American Discussion Group together which meets every Wednesday evening and thrashes out every conceivable subject from police reform to the mistakes of the MG.

Charles White, formerly of Stars and Stripes, and now with the Muncie Star and Evening Press, writes that he would like to buy Bob Moore of the Herald Tribune a drink at the club and also Colonel Egbert White..... He invites any member of OPC going to Indiana to drop in to CHEESECAKE MANOR..... with one proviso: they will have to provide their own blankets. This is quite reasonable, because all ex-war correspondents carry their own--- from you know where, says White.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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